

# INCOME BOTTOM THIRD

## TABLE 10

### CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH 5 YEARS AGO (Three Month Moving Averages)

The question was: "Now thinking back 5 years, would you say you (and your family living there) are better off or worse off financially now than you were 5 years ago?"

( Note: Prior to 1972 a four year horizon was used)

| <u>Date of Survey</u> | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| September 1980        | 37                | 16          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 439          |
| March 1981            | 33                | 14          | 51               | 2             | 100          | 81              | 412          |
| September 1981        | 42                | 14          | 41               | 3             | 100          | 101             | 526          |
| March 1982            | 35                | 16          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 651          |
| September 1982        | 33                | 14          | 51               | 2             | 100          | 83              | 602          |
| March 1983            | 30                | 18          | 51               | 2             | 100          | 79              | 594          |
| September 1983        | 34                | 17          | 48               | 2             | 100          | 86              | 609          |
| March 1984            | 38                | 20          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 98              | 598          |
| September 1984        | 43                | 15          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 513          |
| September 1985        | 38                | 18          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 96              | 461          |
| September 2011        | 26                | 11          | 61               | 2             | 100          | 65              | 424          |
| October 2011          | 25                | 11          | 61               | 3             | 100          | 65              | 421          |
| November 2011         | 26                | 10          | 63               | 1             | 100          | 63              | 410          |
| December 2011         | 25                | 10          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 61              | 404          |
| January 2012          | 24                | 11          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 60              | 408          |
| February 2012         | 26                | 11          | 63               | 1             | 100          | 63              | 413          |
| March 2012            | 28                | 13          | 59               | 1             | 100          | 69              | 431          |
| April 2012            | 28                | 12          | 59               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 430          |
| May 2012              | 27                | 13          | 59               | 1             | 100          | 68              | 412          |
| June 2012             | 28                | 12          | 59               | 1             | 100          | 69              | 418          |
| July 2012             | 29                | 14          | 56               | 1             | 100          | 73              | 413          |
| August 2012           | 30                | 13          | 57               | 1             | 100          | 73              | 426          |
| September 2012        | 31                | 13          | 54               | 2             | 100          | 77              | 427          |
| October 2012          | 32                | 12          | 55               | 2             | 100          | 77              | 429          |
| November 2012         | 34                | 13          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 451          |
| December 2012         | 29                | 16          | 55               | 1             | 100          | 74              | 459          |
| January 2013          | 27                | 15          | 58               | 0             | 100          | 70              | 458          |
| February 2013         | 28                | 12          | 59               | 1             | 100          | 69              | 437          |
| March 2013            | 31                | 11          | 57               | 1             | 100          | 74              | 408          |
| April 2013            | 30                | 13          | 56               | 1             | 100          | 74              | 406          |
| May 2013              | 30                | 15          | 54               | 1             | 100          | 77              | 414          |
| June 2013             | 31                | 15          | 53               | 1             | 100          | 79              | 430          |
| July 2013             | 36                | 12          | 50               | 2             | 100          | 86              | 433          |
| August 2013           | 37                | 11          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 432          |
| September 2013        | 35                | 12          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 423          |
| October 2013          | 32                | 13          | 54               | 0             | 100          | 78              | 418          |
| November 2013         | 30                | 15          | 54               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 410          |
| December 2013         | 33                | 14          | 53               | 0             | 100          | 79              | 419          |
| January 2014          | 34                | 13          | 52               | 0             | 100          | 82              | 429          |
| February 2014         | 35                | 10          | 54               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 428          |
| March 2014            | 37                | 8           | 55               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 401          |
| April 2014            | 38                | 7           | 53               | 1             | 100          | 85              | 401          |
| May 2014              | 41                | 9           | 48               | 2             | 100          | 93              | 397          |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| June 2014             | 41                | 10          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 421          |
| July 2014             | 39                | 10          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 408          |
| August 2014           | 37                | 10          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 86              | 397          |
| September 2014        | 36                | 11          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 84              | 389          |
| October 2014          | 36                | 12          | 50               | 2             | 100          | 87              | 397          |
| November 2014         | 38                | 13          | 47               | 2             | 100          | 92              | 399          |
| December 2014         | 45                | 14          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 107             | 383          |
| January 2015          | 48                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 109             | 375          |
| February 2015         | 49                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 379          |
| March 2015            | 45                | 10          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 399          |
| April 2015            | 43                | 10          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 399          |
| May 2015              | 42                | 10          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 417          |
| June 2015             | 43                | 12          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 408          |
| July 2015             | 43                | 11          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 98              | 402          |
| August 2015           | 45                | 11          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 411          |
| September 2015        | 45                | 8           | 46               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 405          |
| October 2015          | 50                | 8           | 42               | 0             | 100          | 108             | 412          |
| November 2015         | 48                | 8           | 43               | 1             | 100          | 105             | 396          |
| December 2015         | 46                | 11          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 104             | 403          |
| January 2016          | 42                | 12          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 409          |
| February 2016         | 41                | 12          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 405          |
| March 2016            | 43                | 11          | 43               | 2             | 100          | 100             | 417          |
| April 2016            | 43                | 12          | 43               | 2             | 100          | 100             | 421          |
| May 2016              | 45                | 11          | 41               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 428          |
| June 2016             | 47                | 9           | 43               | 1             | 100          | 105             | 412          |
| July 2016             | 49                | 9           | 41               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 421          |
| August 2016           | 46                | 9           | 46               | 0             | 100          | 100             | 432          |
| September 2016        | 43                | 11          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 464          |
| October 2016          | 42                | 11          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 463          |
| November 2016         | 42                | 15          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 100             | 477          |
| December 2016         | 48                | 13          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 109             | 478          |
| January 2017          | 47                | 13          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 486          |
| February 2017         | 50                | 10          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 479          |
| March 2017            | 47                | 13          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 109             | 475          |
| April 2017            | 51                | 13          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 116             | 475          |
| May 2017              | 50                | 14          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 468          |
| June 2017             | 50                | 12          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 113             | 466          |
| July 2017             | 49                | 13          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 460          |
| August 2017           | 50                | 11          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 113             | 468          |
| September 2017        | 53                | 11          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 116             | 475          |
| October 2017          | 52                | 11          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 480          |
| November 2017         | 53                | 11          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 481          |
| December 2017         | 52                | 12          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 118             | 472          |
| January 2018          | 49                | 13          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 113             | 478          |
| February 2018         | 48                | 12          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 475          |
| March 2018            | 51                | 12          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 481          |
| April 2018            | 54                | 11          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 119             | 467          |
| May 2018              | 55                | 12          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 468          |
| June 2018             | 52                | 11          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 464          |
| July 2018             | 52                | 12          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 465          |
| August 2018           | 51                | 12          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 115             | 458          |
| September 2018        | 53                | 13          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 120             | 454          |

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| October 2018          | 54                | 12          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 121             | 454          |
| November 2018         | 52                | 13          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 119             | 460          |
| December 2018         | 50                | 10          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 112             | 466          |
| January 2019          | 50                | 9           | 40               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 471          |
| February 2019         | 53                | 7           | 40               | 1             | 100          | 113             | 473          |
| March 2019            | 52                | 10          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 115             | 461          |
| April 2019            | 51                | 12          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 115             | 461          |
| May 2019              | 50                | 14          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 453          |
| June 2019             | 48                | 13          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 480          |
| July 2019             | 49                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 109             | 471          |
| August 2019           | 51                | 8           | 40               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 472          |
| September 2019        | 52                | 8           | 40               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 463          |
| October 2019          | 52                | 9           | 38               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 480          |
| November 2019         | 50                | 10          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 110             | 494          |
| December 2019         | 51                | 11          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 114             | 483          |
| January 2020          | 54                | 11          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 118             | 494          |
| February 2020         | 57                | 11          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 125             | 501          |
| March 2020            | 56                | 11          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 124             | 529          |
| April 2020            | 54                | 11          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 119             | 506          |
| May 2020              | 52                | 12          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 510          |
| June 2020             | 52                | 12          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 483          |
| July 2020             | 55                | 13          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 123             | 500          |
| August 2020           | 53                | 12          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 117             | 488          |
| September 2020        | 53                | 12          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 118             | 489          |
| October 2020          | 54                | 13          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 120             | 479          |
| November 2020         | 54                | 15          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 123             | 470          |
| December 2020         | 54                | 14          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 122             | 473          |
| January 2021          | 51                | 13          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 115             | 488          |
| February 2021         | 50                | 12          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 112             | 494          |
| March 2021            | 50                | 11          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 502          |
| April 2021            | 51                | 13          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 116             | 490          |
| May 2021              | 53                | 12          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 119             | 480          |
| June 2021             | 53                | 12          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 120             | 485          |
| July 2021             | 53                | 10          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 487          |
| August 2021           | 52                | 10          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 116             | 488          |
| September 2021        | 53                | 10          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 471          |
| October 2021          | 53                | 9           | 37               | 1             | 100          | 116             | 466          |
| November 2021         | 51                | 9           | 39               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 466          |
| December 2021         | 52                | 10          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 464          |
| January 2022          | 50                | 11          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 459          |
| February 2022         | 49                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 469          |
| March 2022            | 46                | 10          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 465          |
| April 2022            | 48                | 10          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 468          |
| May 2022              | 48                | 10          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 454          |
| June 2022             | 48                | 10          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 458          |
| July 2022             | 43                | 9           | 47               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 462          |
| August 2022           | 41                | 8           | 49               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 467          |
| September 2022        | 41                | 9           | 49               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 469          |
| October 2022          | 42                | 8           | 48               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 481          |
| November 2022         | 44                | 8           | 47               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 483          |
| December 2022         | 43                | 7           | 49               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 486          |

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| January 2023          | 41                | 8           | 50               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 474          |
| February 2023         | 41                | 9           | 49               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 476          |
| March 2023            | 40                | 11          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 485          |
| April 2023            | 41                | 10          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 483          |
| May 2023              | 40                | 10          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 481          |
| June 2023             | 40                | 10          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 481          |
| July 2023             | 41                | 9           | 49               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 486          |
| August 2023           | 42                | 8           | 50               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 484          |
| September 2023        | 43                | 8           | 49               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 477          |
| October 2023          | 42                | 9           | 48               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 468          |
| November 2023         | 39                | 10          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 477          |
| December 2023         | 40                | 11          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 478          |
| January 2024          | 40                | 10          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 477          |
| February 2024         | 41                | 11          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 467          |
| March 2024            | 40                | 10          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 468          |
| April 2024            | 40                | 11          | 47               | 2             | 100          | 93              | 524          |
| May 2024              | 40                | 12          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 631          |
| June 2024             | 36                | 13          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 86              | 736          |
| July 2024             | 33                | 15          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 734          |
| August 2024           | 28                | 17          | 54               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 792          |
| September 2024        | 27                | 19          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 75              | 797          |
| October 2024          | 26                | 17          | 55               | 1             | 100          | 71              | 832          |
| November 2024         | 28                | 15          | 55               | 2             | 100          | 73              | 720          |
| December 2024         | 28                | 14          | 56               | 2             | 100          | 71              | 678          |
| January 2025          | 27                | 16          | 55               | 2             | 100          | 72              | 737          |
| February 2025         | 27                | 18          | 54               | 2             | 100          | 73              | 807          |
| March 2025            | 27                | 19          | 53               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 956          |
| April 2025            | 27                | 18          | 53               | 1             | 100          | 74              | 939          |
| May 2025              | 28                | 19          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 76              | 965          |
| June 2025             | 26                | 20          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 74              | 881          |
| July 2025             | 27                | 21          | 51               | 2             | 100          | 76              | 932          |
| August 2025           | 27                | 22          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 915          |
| September 2025        | 27                | 21          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 932          |
| October 2025          | 27                | 21          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 893          |
| November 2025         | 26                | 18          | 54               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 905          |
| December 2025         | 27                | 16          | 56               | 1             | 100          | 71              | 877          |
| January 2026          | 25                | 15          | 58               | 2             | 100          | 67              | 912          |
| February 2026         | 23                | 15          | 60               | 2             | 100          | 63              | 942          |